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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
FROM FORMER INDIAN PRESIDENT V.V. GIRI

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO
FORMER PRESIDENT OF INDIA V.V. GIRI FROM PRESIDENT FORD.

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. GIRI: YOUR THOUGHTFUL AND
HEARTENING MESSAGE ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED.
YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT ALL THE RESOURCES OF THE
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIRECTED
TOWARD OUR COMMON GOAL OF A TRUE AND LASTING PEACE
FOR ALL MANKIND. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

3. FYI. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AUGUST 9 MESSAGE TO
PRESIDENT FORD FROM FORMER PRESIDENT GIRI: QUOTE: I
HAVE GREAT PLEASURE IN SENDING YOUR EXCELLENCY THE WARM
FELICITATIONS AND GREETINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE
OF INDIA AS WELL AS MY OWN ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR
ASSUMPTION OF THE HIGH OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO

EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT IN THE COMING YEARS FRIENDSHIP
AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE
FURTHER STRENGTHENED TO OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT.

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR BEST WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL HEALTH
AND SUCCESS IN THE SERVICE OF YOUR GREAT COUNTRY, AS
WELL AS FOR THE PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY OF THE PEOPLE
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. V. V. GIRL. UNQUOTE.

4. NEITHER THE WHITE HOUSE NOR THE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO
RELEASE THE TEXT OF THE REPLY, BUT THEY HAVE NO
OBJECTION TO ITS RELEASE BY THE RECIPIENT. KISSINGER

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